House Bill 499 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

- 1 To amend an Act providing for the compensation of certain officials in Chatham County,
- 2 approved March 26, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 4797), as amended by an Act approved April 21,
- 3 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 4446), so as to change the compensation of the judges of the recorder's
- 4 court, judge of the probate court, judges of the juvenile court, judges of the state court, and
- 5 judges of the magistrate court; to remove cost-of-living increases; to provide an effective
- 6 date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

## 7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 SECTION 1.

- 9 An Act providing for the compensation of certain officials in Chatham County, approved
- 10 March 26, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 4797), as amended by an Act approved April 21, 1997 (Ga.
- 11 L. 1997, p. 4446), is amended by revising Section 1 as follows:

"SECTION 1.

- 13 (a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, each officer and official of
- 14 Chatham County listed in this subsection shall receive a salary fixed by the governing
- authority of such county, provided that said salary for each officer shall not be less than the
- salary set forth as follows:

- provided that if the
- clerk of the state court
- also serves as court
- 24 administrator, such

1		officer shall receive an
2		annual base salary to be
3		fixed by the governing
4		authority of the county
5		at not less than
6		\$60,000.00, payable in
7		equal monthly
8		installments from the
9		funds of the county.
10	Coroner	\$12,000.00 per annum
11	(b) Each officer and official of Chatham	County listed in this subsection shall receive a
12	salary fixed by the governing authority of	such county, provided that said salary for each
13	officer shall not be less than the salary set	forth as follows:
14	Chief judge of the recorder's court	An annual salary equal to the sum of 85
15		percent of the annual salary of a judge of
16		superior court as paid by the state plus 85
17		percent of the annual amount of any
18		supplement paid by the governing authority of
19		Chatham County to a judge of the superior
20		court, excluding any longevity pay to a judge
21		of the superior court pursuant to Ga. L. 1997,
22		p. 4108. In addition, the governing authority
23		of Chatham County shall pay to the chief
24		judge of the recorder's court an additional
25		salary supplement as additional compensation
26		for performing the duties incumbent upon a
27		chief judge of not less than 85 percent of the
28		salary supplement paid to the chief judge of
29		the Eastern Judicial Circuit pursuant to Ga. L.
30		1997, p. 4108, Section 1(e).
31	Judge of the recorder's court	An annual salary equal to the sum of 85
32		percent of the annual salary of a judge of
33		superior court as paid by the state plus 85
34		percent of the annual amount of any
35		supplement paid by the governing authority of
36		Chatham County to a judge of the superior

1		court, excluding any longevity pay to a judge
2		of the superior court pursuant to Ga. L. 1997,
3		p. 4108.
4	Judge of the probate court	An annual salary equal to the sum of 80
5		percent of the annual salary of a judge of
6		superior court as paid by the state plus 80
7		percent of the annual amount of any
8		supplement paid by the governing authority of
9		Chatham County to a judge of the superior
10		court, excluding any longevity pay to a judge
11		of the superior court pursuant to Ga. L. 1997,
12		p. 4108.
13	Presiding judge of the juvenile court	An annual salary equal to the sum of 90
14		percent of the annual salary of a judge of
15		superior court as paid by the state plus 90
16		percent of the annual amount of any
17		supplement paid by the governing authority of
18		Chatham County to a judge of the superior
19		court, excluding any longevity pay to a judge
20		of the superior court pursuant to Ga. L. 1997,
21		p. 4108. In addition, the governing authority
22		of Chatham County shall pay to the presiding
23		judge of the juvenile court an additional salary
24		supplement as additional compensation for
25		performing the duties incumbent upon a
26		presiding judge of not less than 90 percent of
27		the salary supplement paid to the chief judge
28		of the Eastern Judicial Circuit pursuant to Ga.
29		L. 1997, p. 4108, Section 1(e).
30	Judge of the juvenile court	An annual salary equal to the sum of 90
31		percent of the annual salary of a judge of
32		superior court as paid by the state plus 90
33		percent of the annual amount of any
34		supplement paid by the governing authority of
35		Chatham County to a judge of the superior
36		court, excluding any longevity pay to a judge

1		of the superior court pursuant to Ga. L. 1997,
2		p. 4108.
3	Chief judge of the state court	An annual salary equal to the sum of 95
4		percent of the annual salary of a judge of
5		superior court as paid by the state plus 95
6		percent of the annual amount of any
7		supplement paid by the governing authority of
8		Chatham County to a judge of the superior
9		court, excluding any longevity pay to a judge
10		of the superior court pursuant to Ga. L. 1997,
11		p. 4108. In addition, the governing authority
12		of Chatham County shall pay to the chief
13		judge of the state court an additional salary
14		supplement as additional compensation for
15		performing the duties incumbent upon a chief
16		judge of not less than 95 percent of the salary
17		supplement paid to the chief judge of the
18		Eastern Judicial Circuit pursuant to Ga. L.
19		1997, p. 4108, Section 1(e).
20	Judge of the state court	An annual salary equal to the sum of 95
21		percent of the annual salary of a judge of
22		superior court as paid by the state plus 95
23		percent of the annual amount of any
24		supplement paid by the governing authority of
25		Chatham County to a judge of the superior
26		court, excluding any longevity pay to a judge
27		of the superior court pursuant to Ga. L. 1997,
28		p. 4108.
29	Chief magistrate of the magistrate court	An annual salary equal to the sum of 80
30		percent of the annual salary of a judge of
31		superior court as paid by the state plus 80
32		percent of the annual amount of any
33		supplement paid by the governing authority of
34		Chatham County to a judge of the superior
35		court, excluding any longevity pay to a judge
36		of the superior court pursuant to Ga. L. 1997,

1	p. 4108. In addition	, the governing authority	
2	2 of Chatham County	shall pay to the chief	
3	3 magistrate of the	magistrate court an	
4	4 additional salary su	applement as additional	
5	5 compensation for	performing the duties	
6	6 incumbent upon a ch	ief judge of not less than	
7	7 80 percent of the s	alary supplement paid to	
8	8 the chief judge of the	e Eastern Judicial Circuit	
9	9 pursuant to Ga. L. 19	97, p. 4108, Section 1(e).	
10	Magistrates of the magistrate court An annual salary e	qual to the sum of 80	
11	percent of the annu	ual salary of a judge of	
12	12 superior court as pa	aid by the state plus 80	
13	percent of the a	nnual amount of any	
14	supplement paid by t	he governing authority of	
15	15 Chatham County to	a judge of the superior	
16	16 court, excluding any	longevity pay to a judge	
17	of the superior court	pursuant to Ga. L. 1997,	
18	p. 4108.		
19	19 (c) The governing authority of Chatham County shall grant each	(c) The governing authority of Chatham County shall grant each officer and official listed	
20	in subsection (a) of this section the same percentage increases in salary that it grants as		
21	cost-of-living increases to employees of Chatham County. Such	cost-of-living increases to employees of Chatham County. Such increases shall be granted	
22	at the same time cost-of-living increases are granted to county employees."		
23	23 SECTION 2.		

24 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law 25 without such approval.

**SECTION 3.** 26

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed. 27